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Spanish Fork, UT 84660

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Reply to: 2810/1950

Date: April 1, 1991

Mr. Robert Steele  
1055 North 400 East  
Nephi, Utah 84648

Dear Mr. Steele:

I am writing in response to your letter dated February 23, and the letter from the Department of Natural Resources Division of Oil, Gas and Mining dated March 4. The Forest Service is continuing to process the Environmental Impact Statement for your proposed mining operation. This analysis is considering long-term impacts of a continuing operation on the ore body. I realize your desire to only secure a permit for the current stage of your operation. We will be able to conduct our analysis without receiving data from the State for a larger operation. It will be necessary, however, to secure the proper permits prior to initiating any activity. There are two permits which will be required; one from the State of Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and one from the State Bureau of Air Quality Control.

The State permit from Oil, Gas and Mining addresses operations less than and those greater than five acres. The permit for operations greater than five acres will have to be secured at the time your operation exceeds five acres. Since the road systems and mining areas count towards the five acres, your initial operation is going to approach the limit. To avoid the need to disrupt your proposed operation, it is recommended that you secure the permit for a larger operation.

The air quality permit is secured from the Executive Secretary of the Utah Air Conservation Committee. You can inquire about the process for securing this permit from contacting this committee. Send a letter to the attention of Don Robinson, P.O. Box 16690, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116-0690.

If you should have any questions regarding this information or if you need further assistance, please contact me at 798-3571. I will keep you informed of our analysis process.

Sincerely,

*for* *D. Kent Sensibaugh*  
MARK R. SENSIBAUGH  
Acting District Ranger

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